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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PBOR, U, WB

SUBJECT: EXCHANGE IN BASC REGARDING MARCH 17

INCIDENT IN SOUTH CORRIDOR

REFS: (A) STATE 87459 (NOTAL)

(B) USBERLIN 718

1. U.S. CHIEF CONTROLLER APRIL 18, SUPPORTED BY BRITISH AND FRENCH CONTROLLERS READ TO SOVIET CONTROLLER FOLLOWING COUNTER-STATEMENT DEVELOPED BY ALLIED MISSIONS TO CLARIFY THE ALLIED VIEW OF MARCH 17 INCIDENT IN SOUTH CORRIDOR (REFTELS)

BEGIN TEXT

IN REGARD TO YOUR STATEMENT ON APRIL 1, MY  
AUTHORITIES HAVE AUTHORIZED ME TO STATE THAT NEITHER  
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THE ACTIONS OF THE SOVIET AIRCRAFT ON MARCH 17, NOR

THE SOVIET RESPONSE ON APRIL 1 CAN BE INTERPRTED BY THE WESTERN AUTHORITIES TO CONNOTE A RIGHT ON THE SOVIET SIDE TO CONTROL FRENCH, BRITISH, OR AMERICAN AIR TRAFFIC IN THE BERLIN AIR CORRIDORS. LIKEWISE, THE EXPLANATION THAT THE SOVIET AIRCRAFT FLEW ON MARCH 17 "WITH THE PURPOSE OF CLARIFYING THE ACTUAL AIR SITUATION" CANNOT CONNOTE A RIGHT ON THE SOVIET SIDE TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON FLIGHTS IN THE CORRIDORS THROUGH VISUAL RECONNAISSANCE OR OTHER MEANS IN LIEU OF THE QUADRIPARTITELY ESTABLISHED MECHANISM OF THE BERLIN AIR SAFETY CENTER. AS WE POINTED OUT IN OUR STATEMENT ON MARCH 19, THE SOVIET AIRCRAFT WAS ANYWAY FLYING IN VIOLATION OF THE FLIGHT RULES OF OCTOBER 21, 1946.

THE FRENCH AND BRITISH CHIEF CONTROLLERS ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH THIS STATEMENT. END TEXT

2. SOVIET CHIEF CONTROLLER SAID HE WOULD RELAY STATEMENT TO HIS AUTHORITIES.

3. USCOB CONCURS. GEORGE

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